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Applicant: Chen et al. Serial No.: 10/071,380 Filed: February 8, 2002 For: WATER SOLUBLE AND PALATABLE COMPLEXES	Docket No: 366325-503US (327978) Confirmation No.: 1761 Group Art Unit: 1615 Examiner: Spears, James M.
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-captioned application. Prosecution of the application is closed under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(b) for the following reasons:

- ☒ Application is under appeal;
- ☐ Last Office action is a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113;
- ☐ Last Office action is a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311; or
- ☐ Last Office action is an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c-d), please consider the following submissions with the request:

- ☐ Previously submitted papers:
 - ☐ Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on ____; or
 - ☐ Arguments/Amendments in the Reply previously filed on ____.
- ☒ Enclosed herewith for consideration by the examiner:
 - ☒ Arguments/Amendments;

- ☐ Affidavits/Declarations;
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement:
 - ☐ Substitute Form 1449 (PTO/SB/8A-B);
 - ☐ Copies of References; and
- ☐ Other (*itemize*).

The Request for Continued Examination fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e):

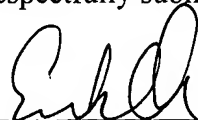
- ☐ Small entity \$ 395.00
- ☒ Other than small entity \$ 790.00

The form of payment for the request fee is indicated below.

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee to DECHERT LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (**Order No. 366325-503US**).
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment to DECHERT LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2778 (**Order No. 366325-503US**).

This request is being made prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.313 is granted, (2) the abandonment of the application, or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 33 USC §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§145 or 146, except where the appeal or civil action has been terminated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.34

Date: November 29, 2005

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